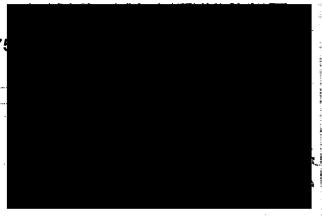
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Juess Who's Got A\$4 Billion Secret

THE INVISIBLE GOV-ERNMENT by David Wise and Thomas B. Ross (Random House, \$5.95)

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LAST Monday, the U.S. State Department told Washington newsmen there was no truth to the reports that



Sherman to inquiries, the department checked through the American embassy in Leopoldville and is now informed that some American civilian pilots are under contract with the Congolese government and have flown sortics in the castern part of the Congo."

This would appear to be a strange occurrence, in a country where the citizen picks uphis newspaper and expects to.

read everything fit to print about his government. But what is truly strange is that our embassy in Leopoldville was able to find out about those Americans flying planes for the Congo.

THIS IS the impression left by this book by two Washington newspapermen who have put together the story of the Central Intelligence Agency . . . an invisible government that "gathers intelligence, conducts espionage and plans and executes secret operations all over the world."

This is no small secret society of super spics, but a mushrooming government agency employing 200,000 and spending \$4 billion a year. It is a government bureau that has grown independent of congressional control and now believes it stands above answering to some basic American precepts.

When Harry Truman created the Central Intelligence, Agency in 1947, he could not have believed that its directors would one day attempt to suppress or alter the publication of a book that accuses the agency of conducting a foreign policy of its own and of meddling in the affairs of other countries without Presidential authority.

Super spies are not supposed to panic, but ours did when they attempted to buy up the entire publication of The Invisible Government, which is due on the bookstands Monday. The CIA was actually proposing to use tanpayers' money to institute its own ideas of consorship.

THERE ARE no startling revolations in the book. What the authors have done in journalism's best rewrite tradition is pull together thousands of bits and pieces of information from magazines and newspapers and from congressional hearings that are public record. Into this they have woven stories that are common knowledge among newspapermen here and abroad and among political and diplomatic officials.

It is impossible to believe that publication of this book will aid and comfort the Communist spy system. After all, the report of the American fliers in the Congo came from the Reds' New China News Agency. The important question remains: Are the American people entitled to know as much about their government as the Communists know?

A major portion of the Mook is devoted to the buildup to the invasion of Cuba and the disaster at the Bay of Pigs. Secretary of State Dean Rusk denied that the country was intervening or intended to do so. And B-26s to be used in the invasion were taking off without lights from Miami's Opalocka airport.

PRESIDENT Eisenhower said of Indonesia that American policy was one of careful neutrality so as not to take sides where it is none-of our business. But Indonesian anti-aircraft guns shot down a B-26 and an American named Allen Pope was cap-

tured when he parachuted to safety. Here in Miami, residents of Key Biscayne knew Mrs. Pope and spoke of her husband as that fellow who works for the CIA.

Four women in Birmingham are widowed by the
Bay of Pigs invasion and an
American general writes to a
mother and says, "Unfortunately at present neither the
CIA nor any other government agency possesses the
slightest poytinent information on your son's disappgarance."

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